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SUBJECT: US- PRC EXCHANGES

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IN PARTIAL REPLY TO REF TELEGRAM, INFORM PRC EMBASSY
FOLLOWING:

1. RE PARAS 2 AND 4: NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US- CHINA
RELATIONS AND COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION WITH
PRC ARE IN PROCESS OF FORMING DELEGATIONS. NATIONAL
COMMITTEE FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BEGIN VISIT DURING MAY
BUT IS SEEKING EARLIEST POSSIBLE JUNE DATES. BOTH
COMMITTEES ARE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH PRC UN MISSION,
BUT WE WILL KEEP PRC INFORMED THROUGH PARIS CHANNEL ALSO.

2. RE PARA 5: US HAS NO RPT NO NATIONAL AMATEUR MEN' S
AND WOMEN' S BASKETBALL TEAMS. INSTEAD WE PROPOSE TO
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MAKE AVAILABLE TOP US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COLLEGIATE MEN' S AND WOMEN- S AMATEUR TEAMS. BASKETBALL, UNLIKE SWIMMING, IS A TEAM SPORT, AND TEAMS THAT PLAY TOGETHER THROUGH THE SEASON PLAY BETTER BALL THAN PICK- UP TEAMS. APART FROM PROFESSIONALS, SUCH TOP COLLEGIATE TEAMS ARE BEST IN THE NATION. OUR INTENTION IS TO PRESENT OUR HIGHEST QUALITY MEN' S AND WOMEN' S TEAMS. WE WILL ADVISE SHORTLY WHICH TWO TEAMS ARE SELECTED.

3. RE PARA 8: WE APPRECIATE THE PRC RECONFIRMATION OF INTENTION TO RECEIVE A US ELEMENTARY AND NOW ABLE TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM LIBYA. FINNS HAVE NOT, HOWEVER, REACHED A FINAL DECISION, AND OUTCOME WILL DEPEND IN LARGE MEASURE ON WHETHER MALINEN IS ABLE EVENTUALLY TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS.

5. FINNS ARE ANGERED BY THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THEM, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE NOT BEEN REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REGULATIONS. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS LED TO UNDERSTAND BY ITS FRENCH COUNTERPART, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT FRENCH PASSPORTS REGULARLY ARE BEING ACCEPTED BY THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT WITHOUT ARABIC TEXTS OF ANY KIND.

6. THE FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL DEALING WITH THIS WHOLE PROBLEM EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CONCERTED ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS AFFECTED COULD RESOLVE THE DILEMMA. HE ALSO WONDERED WHAT DIFFICULTIES THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAD ENCOUNTERED AND WHAT COUNTERMEASURES WERE BEING UNDERTAKEN. HE SAID FINNS WOULD HAPPILY COOPERATE IN ANY COMMON EFFORT TO END THE LIBYANS' " ABSURD " PASSPORT REQUIREMENT.

7. BECAUSE OF CAVEAT IN PARA THREE OF STATE 10425 THE EMBASSY DID NOT DESCRIBE SITUATION AS IT AFFECTS THE US. WE ALSO NOTE THAT FINNISH REPRESENTATIVE WAS ABSENT FROM FEBRUARY 12 MEETING OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION REPRESENTATIVES CONVENED BY US CHARGE IN TRIPOLI (STATE 27051), WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE FINNS ARE NOT FULLY INFORMED.

8. ACTION REQUESTED. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES THE FINNS ARE FACING WITH LIBYA, WE SUGGEST THAT THEY BE GIVEN ALL APPROPRIATE INFORMATION AND THAT FINNS BE INCLUDED IN ANY CONTEMPLATED COORDINATION OF FUTURE STEPS TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE LIBYAN REGULATIONS.
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